

#### **PATENTS**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

# RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2002...

identified application, applicants submit the following Amendment for entry in the above
TC 17000

Please amend Claims 53, 58, 86, 96, 102-107, 109-121, 133-140, 156, 158-168, 171-180 as

follows:

- 53. (Amended) A solid carbon product prepared by the process comprising:
- (a) vaporizing a carbon source in the presence of an inert quenching gas under

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